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Report of the IAC Current Intelligence Group for the Formosa Straits Problem

This report is based on information received in Washington up to 1100 hours 29 April 1955.

1. Chinese Communist submarine strength has been increased from five to seven submarines. The two additions, first observed in March 1955, are both Soviet long range types. The five boats previously accepted were two long range types and three short range types; one of the latter is believed nonoperational. These seven boats, representing transfers from the Soviets, are based at Tsingtao and are believed manned by Chinese crews. The six operational boats have the capability of conducting war patrols in the China coastal area. [redacted] 25X1

2. The presence of a Communist PT unit of three to five boats in the Matsu area has been indicated by the sighting of this type craft there three times in the past four days. This would be a logical Chinese Communist reaction to the Nationalist interdiction patrol north of the Matsus. This Nationalist patrol has been maintained each night by patrol craft, joined occasionally by a destroyer and two DE's. No interceptions have been reported, although Communist logistic activity at dawn and dusk continues. On 27 April the destroyer and two DE's bombarded the Huang Chi area of the Peiling Peninsula; 166 rounds of 5" were fired and flames and explosions were reported.

Prior to the Ichiang assault the Chinese Communists had deployed PT boats in the Tachen area, which sank a Nationalist DE and a motor gun boat. The excellent performance of the Communist PT boats in these engagements posed a threat which restricted Chinese Nationalist naval operations in that area thereafter. Aggressive employment of PTs in the Matsu area could similarly disrupt Nationalist naval support of the Matsus. [redacted] 25X1

3. Chinese Communist comment continues to affirm Peiping's position that the Formosa situation is both an "internal" and an "international" question. It implies a Chinese Communist position that the status of Formosa is not negotiable, that there is no need for a cease-fire, and that the only matter to negotiate is a US withdrawal from the area. Meanwhile, Pravda has given its seal of approval to Chou En-lai's 23 April statement on Formosa. [redacted] 25X1

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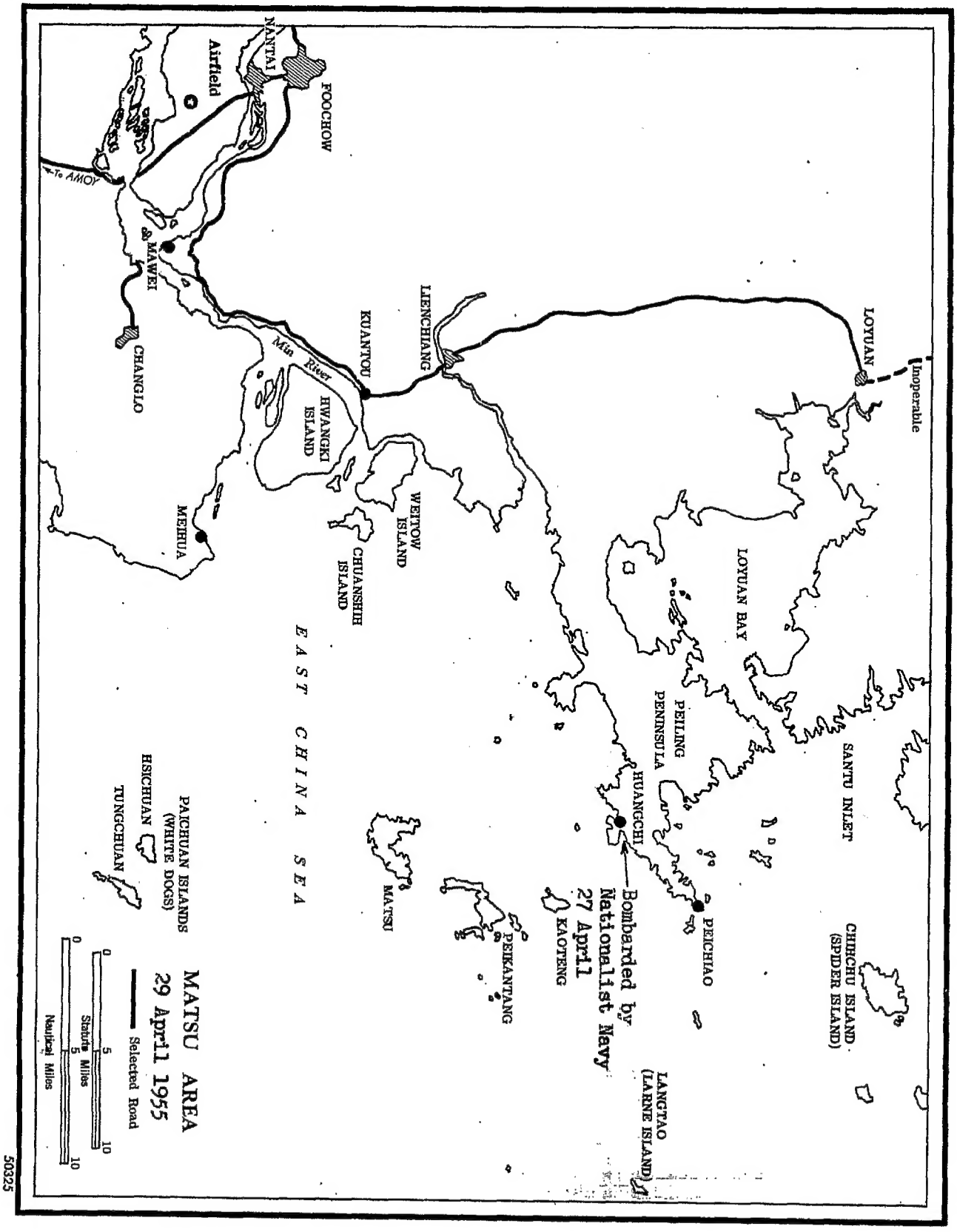

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CHINA-FORMOSA SITUATION

Nautical miles 0 50 100 150
Statute miles 0 50 100 150

Selected road
Railroad
Proposed railroad

COMMUNIST AIRFIELD LEGEND

PRIMARY SECONDARY

● ▲ OPERATIONAL
● ▲ SERVICEABLE
● ▲ UNKNOWN
● ▲ OTHER

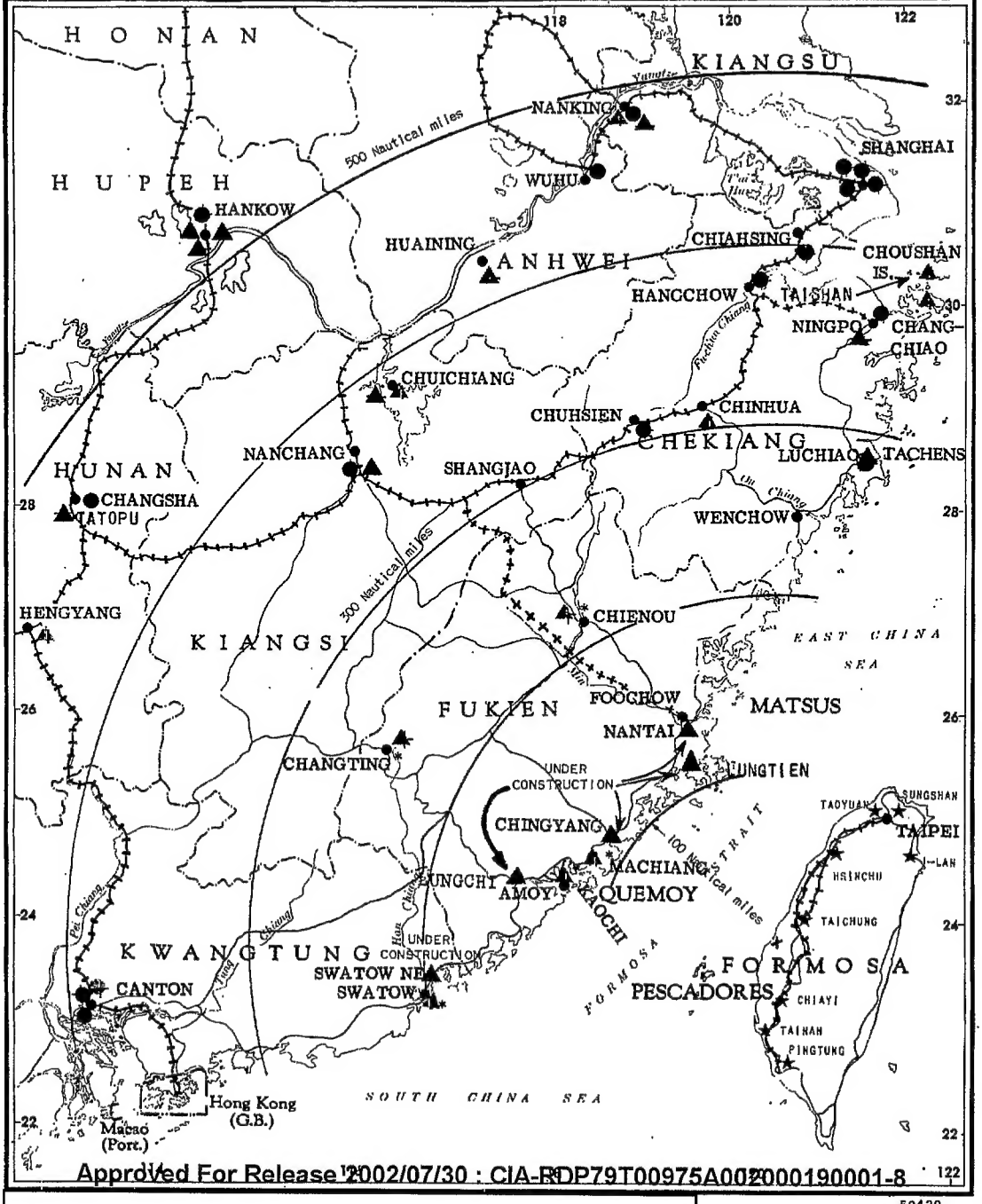
USEABILITY

┼ MIG-15, MIG-17, TU-4, IL-28
| TU-2, IL-10, LA-9/11, LI-2, etc.
— unknown
* Fields not considered capable of supporting sustained operations at present.

★ NATIONALIST AIRFIELD

DESIGNATIONS

PRIMARY: considered most important in area, with prepared runway generally 5000 feet or longer.
SECONDARY: auxiliary or emergency bases, or fields of lesser importance-runways generally less than 5000 feet.
OPERATIONAL: consistently used by military & civilian aircraft.
SERVICEABLE: capable of use by aircraft.
UNKNOWN: current status undetermined.
OTHER: under construction, abandoned, or unserviceable.



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